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To All Members

Dear Comrades,

Reproduced hereunder the full text of Circular No. 06/2015 dated 12.02.2015, issued by BEFI, for your information.

With warm greetings,

Yours comradely,

(Debasish Basu Chaudhury)

General Secretary

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Dear Comrades,

#### **9th All India Conference A resounding success**

Our 09<sup>th</sup> All India Conference has been held, as per schedule, from 07<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Com. Dilip Mukherjee Manch (Shree Krishna Memorial Hall), Com. M.K.Pandhe Nagar (Patna); attended by around 600 Delegates and Observers (including 68 women), there was participation from the new entrants and contractual employees of the industry as well. The Conference has been a resounding success.

The scheduled business of the Conference was preceded by a mammoth colourful procession of Delegates and Observers, accompanied by the Bank Employees of Patna and its neighbourhoods, over 2000 in all, originating from Buddha Marg, Patna and, traversing more or less 2 Kilometers through the city; en route, the procession was greeted by fraternal Trade Unions and different mass-organisations with sprinkling of flower-petals and shouting of slogans expressing solidarity with the bank employees movement. After the procession converged at Com. Dilip Mukherjee Manch compound, the Conference Hall, Com. A.K.Ramesh Babu, President of BEFI, hoisted our flag; then the President and other Office Bearers of BEFI, Com Tapan Sen, GS, CITU, Prof. Nawal Kishore Chowdhury, the Chairman of the Reception Committee, other fraternal Delegates and dignitaries present offered floral tributes to the martyr's column. Thereafter, the INAUGURAL SESSION, presided over by Com. A. K. Ramesh Babu, President of BEFI, commenced at 04.30 P.M. sharp on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2015.



Inaugurating the Conference, Com. Tapan Sen, the General Secretary, Centre of Indian Trade Unions, presented an analytical exposition of how the erstwhile UPA-II and its successor, the present NDA Government, have intensified the attack on the working class and other sections of working people, the nature and magnitude of such attacks and the task before the working class in the face of these attacks; he congratulated Bank Employees' Movement for forging a united platform, UFBU, which has been a model and source of inspiration for workers and employees of other sectors. Com. M.V.Murali, GS, NCBE and Convenor of UFBU, Com.C.H.Venkatachalam, GS, AIBEA, Com. Sunil Kumar, Vice President, AIBOC, Com. (Dr.) Kumar Arvind, Vice President, AIBOA, Com D. Ram of INBEF, Com. K.K.N. Kuttý, President, Confederation of Central Government Employees Unions, Com. A. Shree Kumar, GS, All India State Government Employees' Federation and Com. S. Mishra, Joint Secretary, All India Insurance Employees' Association, greeted the Conference and emphasized the importance of United Movement in the present scenario. Prof. Nawal Kishore Chowdhury, the Chairman of the Reception Committee and an eminent Economist of the country, welcomed the participants. Former Office Bearers of BEFI, invited as Honourable Delegates, were also present on the dais. A book, titled "HISTORY OF BANK EMPLOYEES MOVEMENT", published by us on the occasion, was released by Com. Tapan Sen. The INAUGURAL SESSION of the Conference was concluded, at about 07.30 P.M. after a brief Address by the President and the Vote of Thanks by the undersigned.

The DELEGATE SESSION, presided over by the Presidium consisting of the President and the Vice Presidents of BEFI, started, at 10.00 A.M. on 08<sup>th</sup> February 2015 with Prof. Venkatesh Athreya, a noted economist, delivering "Naresh Paul Memorial Lecture" on "Planning Commission & Economic Development – Indian Experience". The General Secretary then placed his Draft Report while the Treasurer placed the Audited Statements of Accounts for the years 2011 – 2014. Discussion on the Report and Accounts followed and continued on 09<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 participated by 60 Delegates and Observers from the States and All India Federations which enriched the Report a lot. After reply by the GS and explanations by the Treasurer, Conference adopted the Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts. The Conference also adopted 16 Resolutions, on issues concerning the Bank Employees and other sections of the working class and common people, including one on demand for Expeditious Wage Settlement and another on successful implementation of Four Days' Strike call from 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. next. Amendment of the Constitution of BEFI, to revise the rate of Annual Subscription from Rs. 10/- per member to Rs. 15/- per member, to be effective from the year 2017, was also adopted. In between, Com. P. S. Pillai, our Former President addressed the Delegate Session on 09<sup>th</sup>;

The afternoon on 09<sup>th</sup> was ear-marked for Women's Session which started with "Ashis Sen Memorial Lecture", delivered by Prof. Malini Bhattacharyya, Ex-MP and a leader of Women's movement of the country, on "Women & Religion". A report on our activities by women member in different states since last Conference was placed by the Convenor of the Sub-Committee on which women Delegates and Observers intervened from various angles and finally a Task Resolution was adopted.



Fraternal Delegates from Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Com. Kalliopi Patouna, representing **WFTU**, also greeted the Delegate Session of the Conference on 8<sup>th</sup> and extended fraternal solidarity. Com Patouna in her address, inter alia, said "only through organized class struggle we can achieve solutions to the fair requests of class trade union movement. Only through the combined struggle for the daily problems and for the abolishment of the capitalist exploitation we can solve workers problems."

In the evening of 07<sup>th</sup> and 08<sup>th</sup>, the Reception Committee organised cultural programmes for engrossing entertainment of the Delegates and Observers.

The Conference elected Com. S.R. Bal and Com. S. Bardhan as Advisors and the following 17 Office Bearers for the next term:

President:	Com. C.J. Nandkumar	
Vice Presidents:	Com J. Guria Com. P. Venkataramaiah Com. K Srinivasa Babu	Com A. Sayeed Khan Com. Dinesh Kakati Com. J. P. Dixit
General Secretary:	Com. Pradip Biswas	
Secretaries:	Com. K. Krishnan	Com. Joydeb Dasgupta
Joint Secretaries:	Com. G. N. Pareek Com. Prakash Roy Com. C. P. Krishnan	Com. N Suresh Com. Chiranjit Ghosh Com Vijay Aroskar
Treasurer:	Com. Debasish Basu Chaudhury.	

The Conference also elected the Central Committee and the General Council as per constitutional mandate;

Before conclusion, the Conference paid standing ovation to Com. A. K. Ramesh Babu, Com. M.S.N. Rao, Com. G.M.V. Nayak, Com. B. Prasad, Com. M. R. Shenoy, Com. Pradip Sarangi, Com Sukhamay Sarkar and Com Naba Shome, who sought relief from the responsibility of Office Bearer's position, for their invaluable contributions in leading BEFI.


This report would be incomplete without a note of appreciation of the herculean task well accomplished by the Reception Committee and the Volunteer Comrades with exemplary discipline, high standard of dedication and meticulous details. From receiving the Delegates, Observers and Guests, including foreign Delegates, on their arrival till their departure, including ensuring their comfortable stay, fooding and arrangement for hassle-free transportation etc., everything was done with a smile. Indeed, the warmth and verve exuded by the members and

volunteers of the Reception Committee made Com. M. K. Pandhe Nagar for all participants a home away from home. **OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM ALL.**

Comrades, the Conference has renewed our vow to fight back anti people policies of central government, to defend public sector banks including RRBs, Nabard, Coperative Banking Sector and RBI as also to fight back communal designs of the new regime at the centre. Conference resolved to make the **Four Days' Strike Call** slated for **25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2015** a massive success to achieve a reasonable wage increase. To strengthen the organisation Conference decided to pay more attention to the new entrants and contractual employees. **We are to march on.**

With warm greetings,

Yours comradely,

  
**(PRADIP BISWAS)**  
GENERAL SECRETARY